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Matzen

1. Because of the steadily increasing oil production at Matzen, the Soviets have decided to administer this oil field area as two units with offices at Bockfliess and Prottes. All but one of Matzen's 38 producing wells are still eruptive. Early in March 1951 the daily output of crude oil from these wells reached the record figure of 4,000 tons per day. Inadequate storage and refining facilities, however, are now forcing the Soviets to limit Matzen's production to 3,200 tons per 24-hour period. Matzen wells are producing from an average depth of 1,700 meters and yield oil which has an eight to ten percent gasoline content. Water content of Matzen oil is estimated at five to six percent of the total output. Oil delivered from three of the deeper wells, however, contains as much as 40 percent water.

Aderklaa

2. Aderklaa now has five wells in production which deliver a total of 440 tons per day. Five drill rigs are now operating in this area and it is expected that two of these wells will come into production by the end of April. One of the Aderklaa wells yields 60 percent natural benzine which is so pure that oil field workers can use it to clean their clothing.

Muehlberg

3. Crude oil production at Muehlberg is decreasing and now averages approximately 1,100 tons a day. No rigs are drilling in this field.

Hohenrappersdorf

4. One well in this area is producing about 12 tons of oil per day; three additional drillings are in progress. SMV geologists believe there are many small oil deposits in Hohenrappersdorf which can be reached only by extensive drilling.

ITAG and DEA

5. The ITAG and DEA oil fields are now producing an estimated 560 tons of crude

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oil per day. It is reported that the Soviets will soon start administering these two fields as one enterprise. During the past two months the following equipment, valued at approximately 4,000,000 schillings, has been transferred from the ITAG and DEA fields to Matzen: 20 derricks, 22 small storage tanks, and three storage tanks having a 100 cubic meter capacity, from ITAG; one boiler house, complete with two boilers and accompanying installations, from Maustrenk; and two pumping stations equipped with three pumps having a 40 cubic meter capacity, from DEA II.

Crude Oil Delivered During March 1951

6. The following figures represent the amount of crude oil pumped from SMV oil fields during the month of March 1951 and do not indicate actual well production:

<u>SMV Field</u>	<u>Number of Tons of Crude Oil Delivered During March</u>
Matzen and Aderklaa	120,000
DEA and ITAG	16,800
Muehlberg	33,000
Rohoel A.G.	9,000
Van Sickle	4,500
EPG	4,200
	<u>187,500</u>

7. In view of the current rate of crude oil production, SMV employees estimate that the total output of the Austrian oil fields for the year 1951 will amount to at least 2,250,000 tons. They state that if production were not limited by a shortage of storage depots and refining facilities, SMV production could actually exceed this figure.

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